

Remarks

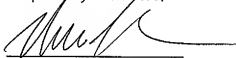
Claims 1-24 are in the case and presented for consideration.

The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies and avoid additional fees therefor.

The examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned if there are any remaining issues which can be resolved by telephonic communication.

Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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